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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 455,400 IN OCTOBER

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment increased to a record high level of 455,400 in October, primarily as a result of education-related gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector and some additional hiring in the Manufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in coopr ration with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment rose by 3,300 from September to October, reaching the current total of 455,400. This figure also represents a gain of 3,500 from the October 1986 level of 451,900.

MANUFACTURING

Total manufacturing employment increased by 200 in the September-October period to a level of 121,300. However, the current total was down 200 compared to the year earlier figure of 121,500. In the Durable Goods category, the October employment level of 82,900 showed an upturn of 100 jobs from the prior month, but reflected a drop of 700 from the figure recorded in October 1986. The Nondurable Goods total of 38,400 advanced 100 from September and was 500 above the figure reported a year ago.

Within the Durable Goods sector, monthly employment increases were posted in Jewelry-Silverware (+200) and Nonelectrical Machinery (+100). These gains more than offset decreases of 100 each in Primary Metals and Fabricated Metals. The number of jobs in the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change for the month.

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1988 TAXABLE WAGE BASE

In accordance with State law, the 1988 taxable wage bases for the Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance programs have been determined. John S. Renza, Employment Security Director, recently announced that the wage base on which Employment Security taxes will be paid during the 1988 tax year that begins on January 1 will be $12,000. The wage base for T.D.I. contributions will also be $12,000.

The 1988 taxable wage bases for the E.S. and T.D.I. programs are equal to 70 percent of the 1986 average annual wage earned by workers covered by the Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance Acts respectively, rounded upward to the next even multiple of $200. The 1986 average annual wage for workers covered by the E.S. Act was $17,131; the average annual wage for workers covered by T.D.I. was $17,024.

Employers will be notified of their individual unemployment insurance tax rates prior to next April 1.

The employee tax rate for Temporary Disability Insurance will be 1.0 percent of the new T.D.I. wage base in 1988.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
Total Placements	765	2,173	1,196
New Applications	2,031	3,427	2,781
New Openings Rec'd.	1,774	2,472	2,468

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	% Change Sept.1987
Initial Claims	4,005	3,736	+ 7.2
No. of Payments	24,364	32,572	- 25.2
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,504,996	$ 4,375,067	- 19.9
Exhaustions	588	761	- 22.7

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
Initial Claims	3,462	3,450	4,066
No. of Payments	26,107	26,069	27,036
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,178,857	$ 4,173,013	$ 3,926,497

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	524.7	522.6	518.5
Unemployment	15.5	16.0	16.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.0	3.1	3.2
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.5	3.6	3.9

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sept. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	338.4	336.4	330.8
Unemployment	10.2	11.7	11.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.0	3.5	3.4

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sept. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	167.4	168.6	167.4
Unemployment	6.0	6.7	8.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.6	4.0	5.1

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sept. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	36,485	36,520	35,480
Unemployment	815	950	895
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.2	2.6	2.5

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
AUGUST 17-21, 1987

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	10,246	100.0
Men	4,360	42.6
Under 45	2,974	68.2
45 and over	1,386	31.8
Women	5,886	57.4
Under 45	3,405	57.8
45 and Over	2,481	42.2
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	355	3.5
Manufactruing	4,422	43.1
Public Utilities	878	8.6
Wholesale and Retail	1,756	17.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	354	3.5
Service	1,880	18.3
All Other	601	5.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,818	17.7
Clerical and Sale	2,588	25.3
Service	1,171	11.4
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	31	0.3
Processing	200	2.0
Machine Trades	1,125	11.0
Bench Work	1,140	11.1
Structural Work	662	6.5
Miscellaneous	1,510	14.7
INA	1	0.0

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	455.4	452.1	451.9	+ 3,300	+ 3,500
MANUFACTURING	121.3	121.1	121.5	+ 200	- 200
NONMANUFACTURING	334.1	331.0	330.4	+ 3,100	+ 3,700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.5	19.4	18.2	+ 100	+ 1,300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.3	15.3	14.9	-	+ 400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	102.0	102.3	100.7	- 300	+ 1,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.4	25.5	25.0	- 100	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	113.9	111.7	113.0	+ 2,200	+ 900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.0	56.8	58.6	+ 1,200	- 600

1987 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1986 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Oct. 1986
ALL MANUFACTURING	121.3	121.1	121.5	+200	- 200	332.80	323.60	40.0	40.5	8.32	7.99
DURABLE GOODS	82.9	82.8	83.6	+100	- 700	331.23	322.34	40.1	40.7	8.26	7.92
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.4	3.4	3.4	-	-	389.09	378.92	40.7	40.7	9.56	9.31
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.8	-	- 100	421.60	415.00	40.0	41.5	10.54	10.00
PRIMARY METALS	5.4	5.5	5.4	- 100	-	402.70	385.64	42.3	42.1	9.52	9.16
FABRICATED METALS	9.8	9.9	10.0	- 100	- 200	323.61	296.34	40.1	40.1	8.07	7.39
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1*	6.0*	6.0*	+100	+100	454.38	433.62	44.2	43.8	10.28	9.90
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.0	12.0	12.1	-	- 100	296.07	299.20	38.5	40.0	7.69	7.48
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.3	9.3	9.5	-	- 200	448.26	423.05	41.2	40.6	10.88	10.42
INSTRUMENTS	5.0*	5.0*	4.9*	-	+100	330.86	332.84	40.3	42.4	8.21	7.85
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	24.4	24.2	24.5	+200	- 100	265.47	258.67	39.8	40.8	6.67	6.34
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.8	6.0	-	- 200	259.18	252.70	36.3	36.1	7.14	7.00
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.4	38.3	37.9	+100	+500	337.51	325.61	39.9	40.1	8.46	8.12
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.4	3.4	+100	+100	298.24	268.19	37.8	37.3	7.89	7.19
TEXTILES	10.5	10.5	10.3	-	+200	310.13	296.70	40.7	40.7	7.62	7.29
APPAREL	3.1	3.2	3.1	- 100	-	285.36	280.06	41.0	41.8	6.96	6.70
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.6	-	- 100	328.87	302.43	42.6	41.6	7.72	7.27
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	7.0	6.9	6.8	+100	+200	435.85	425.31	37.9	38.7	11.50	10.99
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.1	-	- 100	438.19	432.23	40.8	40.7	10.74	10.62
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.3	-	+100	347.78	329.60	41.6	41.2	8.36	8.00
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.1	5.0	-	+100	332.48	322.32	39.3	40.8	8.46	7.90
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	-	-	233.05	215.39	39.3	38.6	5.93	5.58

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Compared to a year ago, payroll levels increased in Non-electrical Machinery and Instruments (+100 each). In contrast, job declines of 200 each occurred in Fabricated Metals, Transportation Equipment and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. Also down for the twelve month period were Stone-Clay-Glass, Electrical Machinery and Jewelry-Silverware (-100 each). Employment totals in Lumber/Furniture and Primary Metals were unchanged from a year ago. Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly advances of 100 each were reported in Food-Beverage and Printing-Publishing, while Apparel jobs fell 100 from the prior month. Employment levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change in the September-October period. On an annual comparison, job gains were registered in Textiles and Printing-Publishing (+200 each) followed by upturns of 100 each in Food-Beverage, Rubber Products and Plastics Products. Contrary to this, employment decreases of 100 each were evident in Paper Products and Chemical Products. Payroll levels in Apparel and Leather Products showed no change compared to October 1986.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island Nonmanufacturing establishments rose by 3,100 from September to October, largely the result of education-related gains in the Services and Government sectors. The October employment total of 334,100 is also 3,700 jobs greater than the year earlier level of 330,400.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Services employment rose 2,200 for the month to 113,900 and was up 900 compared to a year ago. Overall Government employment, at 58,000 posted a monthly increase of 1,200; however, the current figure represents a decrease of 600 from the same month a year ago. As a result of a monthly job gain of 100, Contract Construction employment rose to 19,500, which was 1,300 above the total recorded a year earlier. Payroll levels in Trade, at 102,000, showed a monthly decrease of 300, while employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 25,400, recorded a drop of 100 for the same time period. Nevertheless, the former was up 1,300, while the latter advanced 400 compared to October 1986. Although Transportation and Public Utilities jobs registered no change from September to October, the current total of 15,300 reflects an increase of 400 from the year ago employment figure.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 2 cents to $8.32 in mid-October. This represents a 33 cent per hour gain compared to a year ago. The average work week showed no change from September to October as it remained at 40.0 hours. However, this is 0.5 of an hour less than the October 1986 work week. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $332.80 in October, representing an increase of 80 cents from last month and a gain of $9.20 from a year ago.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 456,400 IN NOVEMBER

As a result of continued gains in both the Manufacturing and Nonmanufacturing sectors, Rhode Island's overall establishment employment rose for the fourth consecutive month, reaching a new record high level of 456,400 in November, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island's current employment total represents an increase of 1,000 jobs from the October level and is 3,300 more than the November 1986 figure of 453,100.

MANUFACTURING

Total manufacturing employment increased by 200 in November, but the current factory job level of 121,500 showed no change from the figure recorded a year ago. In the Durable Goods category, the November employment total of 83,600 reflected a gain of 700 from the prior month, but remained stable compared to a year earlier. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries fell 500 in the October-November period to a level of 37,900, which equalled the November 1986 figure.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains of 200 each occurred in Fabricated Metals and Jewelry-Silverware, followed by upturns of 100 each in Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment. The remaining Durable Goods industries showed no

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SEASONS GREETINGS AND A WORD OF THANKS TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

John S. Renza, Director, and the staff of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security take this opportunity to extend holiday greetings to the Rhode Island employer community and to all readers of the Employment Bulletin.

A special word of thanks is extended to those employers who assist the Department to determine trends in the State's economy by providing essential employment information each month. Such key indicators as employment levels, weekly production hours and workers earnings become the basis for both state and national reports and statistics prepared and published by this Department.

The Department of employment Security will continue its efforts to publish accurate and timely data every month to assist users of the Employment Bulletin in reaching decisions and planning for future employment needs. ***To all, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.***

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Total Placements	678	765	1,168
New Applications	2,032	2,031	2,135
New Openings Rec'd.	1,257	1,774	1,640

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	% Change Oct. 1987
Initial Claims	5,418	4,005	+ 35.3
No. of Payments	26,147	24,364	+ 7.3
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,827,761	$ 3,504,996	+ 9.2
Exhaustions	620	588	+ 5.4

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Initial Claims	2,824	3,462	2,792
No. of Payments	25,997	26,107	22,729
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,217,670	$ 4,178,857	$ 3,384,628

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	530.4	524.7	519.5
Unemployment	16.4	15.5	17.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.1	3.0	3.3
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.6	3.5	3.9

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	341.0	338.4	338.3
Unemployment	9.8	10.2	10.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.9	3.0	3.2

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	169.4	167.4	166.7
Unemployment	5.7	6.0	6.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.4	3.6	3.8

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	35,660	36,485	35,215
Unemployment	815	815	890
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.3	2.2	2.5

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
NOVEMBER 16-20, 1987

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	7,768	100.0
Men	4,183	53.8
Under 45	2,703	64.6
45 and over	1,480	35.4
Women	3,585	46.2
Under 45	1,972	55.0
45 and Over	1,613	45.0
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	836	10.8
Manufactruing	3,316	42.6
Public Utilities	344	4.4
Wholesale and Retail	1,210	15.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	359	4.6
Service	1,449	18.7
All Other	254	3.3
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,464	18.9
Clerical and Sales	1,494	19.2
Service	702	9.0
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	105	1.4
Processing	269	3.5
Machine Trades	687	8.8
Bench Work	1,315	16.9
Structural Work	837	10.8
Miscellaneous	777	10.0
INA	118	1.5

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	456.4	455.4	453.1	+ 1,000	+ 3,300
MANUFACTURING	121.5	121.3	121.5	+ 200	-
NONMANUFACTURING	334.9	334.1	331.6	+ 800	+ 3,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.2	19.5	17.9	- 300	+ 1,300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.2	15.3	14.9	- 100	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	102.9	102.0	101.9	+ 900	+ 1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.5	25.4	25.1	+ 100	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	113.7	113.9	112.8	- 200	+ 900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.4	58.0	59.0	+ 400	- 600

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	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1986
ALL MANUFACTURING	121.5	121.3	121.5	+200	-	$ 329.83	$325.21	39.5	40.6	$8.35	$ 8.01
DURABLE GOODS	83.6	82.9	83.6	+700	-	326.30	322.36	39.6	40.6	8.24	7.94
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.4	3.4	3.3	-	+100	387.84	373.73	40.4	40.1	9.60	9.32
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.7	-	-	417.60	416.48	40.0	41.4	10.44	10.06
PRIMARY METALS	5.4	5.4	5.5	-	- 100	396.68	391.85	41.8	42.5	9.49	9.22
FABRICATED METALS	10.0	9.8	10.1	+200	- 100	323.19	296.80	39.9	40.0	8.10	7.42
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.2*	6.1*	5.9*	+100	+300	446.52	438.02	43.1	44.2	10.36	9.91
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.1	12.0	12.2	+100	- 100	300.68	302.25	39.1	40.3	7.69	7.50
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.4	9.3	9.5	+100	- 100	428.67	418.08	39.4	40.2	10.88	10.40
INSTRUMENTS	5.0*	5.0*	4.9*	-	+100	332.91	339.34	40.5	42.9	8.22	7.91
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	24.6	24.4	24.5	+200	+100	260.41	256.69	39.1	40.6	6.66	6.32
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.8	6.0	-	- 200	254.87	244.97	35.3	35.4	7.22	6.92
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.9	38.4	37.9	- 500	-	336.41	323.19	39.3	39.9	8.56	8.10
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.4	3.5	3.4	- 100	-	302.30	267.49	37.6	37.1	8.04	7.21
TEXTILES	10.4	10.5	10.3	- 100	+100	308.77	303.68	40.1	41.6	7.70	7.30
APPAREL	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 100	- 100	288.15	283.16	40.3	42.2	7.15	6.71
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	-	322.82	296.02	41.6	41.0	7.76	7.22
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	7.0	6.8	- 100	+100	433.93	417.66	37.7	37.9	11.51	11.02
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.1	-	- 100	434.43	430.85	40.3	40.8	10.78	10.56
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.4	1.3	- 100	-	335.96	332.10	39.9	41.0	8.42	8.10
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.1	5.1	-	-	336.30	330.42	38.7	41.2	8.69	8.02
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	-	-	226.74	223.29	38.3	38.9	5.92	5.74

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change from last month. Compared to a year ago, the largest employment increase (+300) was posted in Nonelectrical Machinery. In addition, annual gains of 100 each were registered in Lumber/Furniture, Instruments and Jewelry-Silverware. For the twelve month period, employment in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment fell by 200, while declines of 100 each were recorded in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment. Payroll levels in Stone-Clay-Glass were unchanged from a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly declines of 100 each were posted in Food-Beverage, Textiles, Apparel, Printing-Publishing and Rubber Products, while the remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged for the same time period. On an annual comparison, job gains in Textiles and Printing-Publishing (+100 each) were offset by decreases in Apparel and Chemical Products (-100 each). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from year earlier levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island Nonmanufacturing establishments rose by 800 in the October-November period, primarily due to pre-holiday hiring in the Wholesale and Retail Trade segment. The November job total of 334,900 is 3,300 greater than the year ago level of 331,600.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Wholesale and Retail Trade employment reflected increased holiday activity, advancing by 900 jobs from October to the current level of 102,900, which represents an annual gain of 1,000 workers. Overall Government employment at 58,400, rose 400 from the previous month, but was down 600 compared to a year ago. Payroll totals in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate increased 100 for the month and 300 on an annual basis to a level of 25,500 in November. Employment in Contract Construction, at 19,200, and Services, at 113,700, recorded monthly decreases of 300 and 200, respectively. However, compared to November 1986, the former was up 1,300, while the latter expanded by 900 jobs. Although payroll levels in Transporation and Public Utilities declined by 100 from last month, the current total of 15,200 is 300 above the figure reported a year ago.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 3 cents to $8.35 in mid-November; this represents a gain of 34 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.5 of an hour in November to 39.5 hours, which was also 1.1 hours below the November 1986 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in November amounted to $329.83, representing a decrease of $2.97 from last month, but a gain of $4.62 from a year ago.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES TO 454,600 IN DECEMBER

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment decreased in December as pre-holiday gains in Wholesale and Retail Trade were more than offset by seasonal reductions in the Manufacturing, Construction and Service sectors of the state's economy, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 454,600 in December. While this figure represents a decrease of 1,800 from the November level of 456,400, it is 2,400 above the December 1986 total of 452,200.

MANUFACTURING

Total factory employment in Rhode Island declined by 1,700 from November to December. Furthermore, the current job level of 119,800 is 900 less than the year ago figure of 120,700. In the Durable Goods category, the December employment total of 82,200 was down 1,400 from the prior month and decreased 700 compared to the figure reported a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries fell 300 in the November-December period to a level of 37,600, which was 200 below the December 1986 total.

Within the Durable Goods category, the largest monthly job decrease (-700) occurred in Jewelry-Silverware, followed by a drop of 200 in Fabricated Metals. In addition, monthly employment declines of 100 each were registered in Lumber/Furniture, Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery, Instruments and

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GOOD NEWS FOR R.I. EMPLOYERS! LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT TAXES IN '88

Rhode Island employers will save an estimated $19 million in Unemployment Insurance taxes in 1988 as a result of legislation passed last year which reduced Employment Security Fund reserve requirements for each of the nine possible Tax Schedules and the increased amount of E.S. Fund reserves which have accumulated due to the continued strength of the Rhode Island economy.

DES determines the specific Tax Schedule to be followed each year according to the financial condition of the E.S. Fund as of September 30 of the preceding year. Unemployment insurance benefits are paid out of this Fund.

Tax Schedule G, with individual employer rates ranging between 1.8 percent and 7.8 percent will be in effect in 1988, the first year since 1971 that a tax schedule lower than the maximum allowed by law will be in effect. In 1987 R.I. employers paid taxes according to Schedule I with rates that ranged between 2.3 and 8.4 percent.

The payroll tax for new employers - those who have not been subject to the Employment Security Act for three full experience years - will be 2.9 percent in 1988.

R.I. employers will be notified of their individual tax rates prior to April 1.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Total Placements	667	678	738
New Applications	1,993	2,032	2,610
New Openings Rec'd.	862	1,257	1,389

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	% Change Nov. 1987
Initial Claims	16,343	5,418	+ 201.6
No. of Payments	36,414	26,147	+ 39.3
Amt. of Payments	$ 5,423,906	$ 3,827,761	+ 41.7
Exhaustions	662	620	+ 6.8

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Initial Claims	3,313	2,824	3,145
No. of Payments	26,213	25,997	28,411
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,253,292	$ 4,217,670	$ 4,274,366

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	531.2	530.4	519.6
Unemployment	18.8	16.4	19.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.5	3.1	3.8
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.7	3.6	3.8

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	345.0	341.0	339.9
Unemployment	10.2	9.8	11.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.0	2.9	3.2

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	170.2	169.4	166.4
Unemployment	5.6	5.7	6.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.3	3.4	4.0

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	35,660	35,660	34,600
Unemployment	865	815	1,050
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.4	2.3	3.0

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
NOVEMBER 16-20, 1987

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	7,768	100.0
Men	4,183	53.8
Under 45	2,703	64.6
45 and over	1,480	35.4
Women	3,585	46.2
Under 45	1,972	55.0
45 and Over	1,613	45.0
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	836	10.8
Manufactruing	3,316	42.6
Public Utilities	344	4.4
Wholesale and Retail	1,210	15.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	359	4.6
Service	1,449	18.7
All Other	254	3.3
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,464	18.9
Clerical and Sales	1,494	19.2
Service	702	9.0
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	105	1.4
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Miscellaneous	777	10.0
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TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Dec. 1987	Nove. 1987	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	454.6	456.4	452.2	- 1,800	+ 2,400
MANUFACTURING	119.8	121.5	120.7	- 1,700	- 900
NONMANUFACTURING	334.8	334.9	331.5	- 100	+ 3,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18.6	19.2	17.6	- 600	+ 1,000
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.1	15.2	14.8	- 100	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	104.3	102.9	102.8	+ 1,400	+ 1,500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.6	25.5	25.1	+ 100	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	112.9	113.7	112.2	- 800	+ 700
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.3	58.4	59.0	- 100	- 700

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1986
ALL MANUFACTURING	119.8	121.5	120.7	- 1700	- 900	335.16	328.03	39.9	40.8	8.40	8.04
DURABLE GOODS	82.2	83.6	82.9	- 1400	- 700	333.23	325.18	40.1	40.8	8.31	7.97
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.3	3.4	3.3	- 100	-	390.26	380.78	40.4	40.9	9.66	9.31
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.7	-	-	425.54	421.17	40.8	41.7	10.43	10.10
PRIMARY METALS	5.4	5.4	5.5	-	- 100	402.06	402.69	42.1	43.3	9.55	9.30
FABRICATED METALS	9.8	10.0	10.0	- 200	- 200	325.98	301.04	39.9	40.3	8.17	7.47
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1	6.2*	5.9*	- 100	+200	447.45	445.31	42.9	44.8	10.43	9.94
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.0	12.1	12.2	- 100	- 200	308.40	301.60	40.0	40.0	7.71	7.54
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.4	9.4	9.4	-	-	444.98	427.58	40.6	40.8	10.96	10.48
INSTRUMENTS	4.9*	5.0*	4.9*	- 100	-	341.14	344.16	41.4	43.4	8.24	7.93
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.9	24.6	24.2	- 700	- 300	265.07	261.81	39.8	41.1	6.66	6.37
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.7	5.8	5.8	- 100	- 100	249.84	241.84	34.7	35.1	7.20	6.89
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.6	37.9	37.8	- 300	- 200	340.16	332.51	39.6	40.6	8.59	8.19
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.4	3.4	3.4	-	-	298.15	270.05	36.9	37.3	8.08	7.24
TEXTILES	10.3	10.4	10.3	- 100	-	310.64	307.97	40.5	41.9	7.67	7.35
APPAREL	2.9	3.0	3.0	- 100	- 100	297.91	289.58	41.9	42.9	7.11	6.75
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.5	2.5	- 100	- 100	327.96	295.51	42.1	41.1	7.79	7.19
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.8	6.9	6.8	- 100	-	441.91	418.47	37.9	37.7	11.66	11.10
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.1	-	- 100	438.36	434.25	40.3	41.2	10.88	10.54
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.3	1.3	-	-	335.41	337.01	39.6	41.3	8.47	8.16.
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.1	5.1	-	-	341.25	338.62	39.0	41.6	8.75	8.14
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.3	2.3	+ 100	+100	230.65	232.43	38.7	39.8	5.96	5.84

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the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their November payroll levels. On an annual basis, the sole increase (+200) in the Durable Goods category was posted in Nonelectrical Machinery. For the twelve month period, decreases were recorded in Jewelry-Silverware (-300), Fabricated Metals (-200), Electrical Machinery (-200), Primary Metals (-100) and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (-100). Employment in the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from December 1986.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, a monthly job increase (+100) in Leather Products was overshadowed by declines of 100 each in Textiles, Apparel, Paper Products and Printing-Publishing. Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from last month. Compared to a year ago, jobs in Leather Products were up 100, while downturns of 100 each were reported in Apparel, Paper Products and Chemical Products. Employment levels in the five remaining Nondurable Goods categories were stable for the twelve month period.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing establishments fell 100 in the November-December period as seasonal decreases in Services and Construction offset pre-holiday hiring in the Trade sector. However, the December Nonmanufacturing total of 334,800 is 3,300 jobs above the year earlier level of 331,500.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Wholesale and Retail Trade employment reflected continued holiday activity, as 1,400 more workers were added in December. At 104,300, this segment was up 1,500 from the same month a year ago. Payroll levels in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 25,600, showed a monthly gain of 100 and an annual increase of 500. Services employment, at 112,900, and Contract Construction, at 18,600, reported monthly declines of 800 and 600, respectively. Nevertheless, the former was up 700 while the latter advanced by 1,000 compared to December 1986. Overall Government employment decreased by 100 last month to the current level of 58,300, which represents a downturn of 700 from the figure recorded a year ago. Although Transportation and Public Utilities jobs were down 100 for the month, the December employment total of 15,100 is 300 above the year ago level.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 5 cents to $8.40 in mid-December. This represents a gain of 36 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.4 of an hour in December to 39.9 hours, but was 0.9 of an hour less than the figure reported a year ago. Average weekly earnings for these workers in December amounted to $355.16, which represents an increase of $5.33 from last month, and a gain of $7.13 from December of last year.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES TO 446,700 IN JANUARY

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island decreased in January, primarily as a result of seasonal declines in Trade, Services, Contract Construction and Jewelry-Silverware, as well as a labor dispute in the Primary Metals manufacturing industry, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 446,700 in January. While this figure represents a reduction of 11,600 jobs from the December level of 458,300, it is 6,400 above the January 1987 total of 440,300.

EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES REVISED

Published estimates for 1986 and 1987 have been revised to a first quarter 1987 benchmark. Current figures reflect data on new firms, expansion or contraction in existing firms not sampled, and also reflect changes in assigned industrial coding caused by product or service changes occurring in 1986-1987.

MANUFACTURING

Overall factory jobs in Rhode Island fell by 2,600 in January to a level of 114,000. In addition, this figure represents a drop of 1,900 from the year ago total of 115,900. In the Durable Goods category, the January employment level of 78,400 reflected a decline of 2,100 from the prior month and was down 1,600 compared to the year earlier figure. Payroll levels in the Nondurable Goods producing industries decreased 500 in the December-January period to 35,600, which represented a downturn of 300 from the same month a year ago.

Within the Durable Goods category, the most substantial monthly job declines occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-800) and Primary Metals (-600, due almost entirely to

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GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE 2000 JOB FAIR

WORKFORCE 2000, a new partnership between state government and the business community, is intended to improve the standard of living for all Rhode Islanders by increasing their opportunities for continued employment and better jobs. To that end, a major employment event - The Governor's WORKFORCE 2000 Job Fair - will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 1988 from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Providence Civic Center. The Fair will bring together employers and job applicants for:

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* Full Time or Part Time, and
* Permanent or Temporary Positions

The Job Fair is open to everyone whether employed or unemployed.

The WORKFORCE 2000 Job Fair is being sponsored by Governor Edward D. DiPrete and the "New England Times" Jobfinder professional employment journal along with the R.I. Departments of Employment Security, Human Services, Economic Development, Education and Elderly Affairs. There will be no fee to the general public. Employers interested in participating should contact the "New England Times", 51 Winchester Street, Newton Highlands, MA 02161 or call Mr. Moore or Mr. Fierson at (617) 965-8399.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Total Placements	442	667	646
New Applications	2,443	1,993	2,073
New Openings Rec'd.	1,216	862	1,257

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	% Change Dec. 1987
Initial Claims	9,808	16,343	- 40.0
No. of Payments	52,002	36,414	+ 42.8
Amt. of Payments	$ 8,181,167	$ 5,423,906	+ 50.9
Exhaustions	641	662	- 3.2

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Initial Claim	3,636	3,313	3,903
No. of Payments	21,568	26,213	23,706
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,525,075	$ 4,253,292	$ 3,540,821

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	520.4	525.3	508.7
Unemployment	20.7	18.4	22.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.5	4.4
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.5	3.5	3.8

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	345.5	345.0	339.5
Unemployment	11.7	10.2	12.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.4	3.0	3.6

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	170.6	170.2	166.9
Unemployment	6.9	5.6	7.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.3	4.3

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	35,725	35,660	34,400
Unemployment	1,085	865	1,120
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.0	2.4	3.3

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TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	446.7	458.3	440.3	- 11,600	+ 6,400
MANUFACTURING	114.0	116.6	115.9	- 2,600	- 1,900
NONMANUFACTURING	332.7	341.7	324.4	- 9,000	+ 8,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	17.8	19.9	16.7	- 2,100	+ 1,100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.5	15.7	14.9	- 200	+ 600
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	103.1	107.0	100.4	- 3,900	+ 2,700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.4	25.5	25.0	- 100	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	112.0	114.4	109.2	- 2,400	+ 2,800
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.9	59.2	58.2	- 300	+ 700

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1988	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1988	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1988	Jan. 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	114.0	116.6	115.9	- 2600	- 1900	336.84	325.62	40.1	40.2	8.40	8.10
DURABLE GOODS	78.4	80.5	80.0	- 2100	- 1600	331.97	323.21	39.9	40.2	8.32	8.04
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.9	3.0	3.0	- 100	- 100	396.90	377.34	40.5	40.4	9.80	9.34
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.8	1.6	- 100	+ 100	432.64	416.17	41.6	41.7	10.40	9.98
PRIMARY METALS	4.7*	5.3	5.3	- 600	- 600	409.49	401.33	42.7	43.2	9.59	9.29
FABRICATED METALS	8.8	8.9	9.1	- 100	- 300	317.60	295.37	40.0	39.7	7.94	7.44
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1	6.1	6.2*	-	- 100	448.24	429.28	43.1	42.8	10.40	10.03
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.8	11.9	12.1	- 100	- 300	307.89	295.97	40.3	40.6	7.64	7.29
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.3	9.3	- 100	- 100	458.43	433.61	41.3	41.1	11.10	10.55
INSTRUMENTS	4.8*	4.8*	4.9*	-	- 100	335.78	334.74	40.8	42.0	8.23	7.97
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.5	23.3	22.7	- 800	- 200	260.35	249.21	38.8	39.0	6.71	6.39
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	6.1	5.8	- 200	+ 100	244.90	240.82	34.3	34.6	7.14	6.96
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.6	36.1	35.9	- 500	- 300	344.97	330.02	40.3	40.1	8.56	8.23
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.1	3.1	3.1	-	-	313.68	273.06	38.3	37.1	8.19	7.36
TEXTILES	10.0	10.0	10.1	-	- 100	308.10	299.55	40.7	40.7	7.57	7.36
APPAREL	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 100	- 100	299.87	292.83	42.9	43.0	6.99	6.81
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.4	2.3	- 100	-	310.13	291.51	40.7	40.6	7.62	7.18
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.8	6.8	6.8	-	-	439.17	415.50	37.6	37.5	11.68	11.08
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	3.0	3.0	- 100	- 100	449.35	433.42	41.8	41.2	10.75	10.52
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.0	1.1	1.1	- 100	- 100	352.29	346.52	41.3	41.8	8.53	8.29
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.7	4.5	-	+ 200	358.26	347.35	42.0	41.9	8.53	8.29
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.0	2.1	2.1	- 100	- 100	238.85	232.06	38.9	39.6	6.14	5.86

1987 Figures REVISED. 1988 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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a labor dispute). Employment in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment fell by 200 druing the month, followed by downturns of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipemnt. The two remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from December.

Compared to a year ago, job increases were registered in Stone-Clay-Glass and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (+100 each). Conversely, sizable job reductions were recorded in Primary Metals (-600), Fabricated Metals, and Electrical Machinery (-300 each). For the twelve month period, employment in Jewelry-Silverware dropped by 200, followed by downturns of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Nonelectrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment and Instruments.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly employment decreases of 100 each were reported in Apparel, Paper Products, Chemical Products, Rubber Products and Leather Products. Payroll levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from last month. On an annual basis, the only employment upturn occurred in Plastics Products (+200). This increase, however, was offset by job declines of 100 each in Textiles, Apparel, Chemical Products, Rubber Products and Leather Products. Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from January 1987.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector fell by 9,000 in the December-January period, largely the result of sharp seasonal decreases in Trade, Services and Contract Construction. However, the January employment total of 332,700 was 8,300 jobs higher than the figure recorded a year ago.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Wholesale and Retail Trade posted the most substantial monthly job reduction (-3,900) primarily due to reduced post-holiday activity. However, at 103,100, current Trade employment is up 2,700 from the same month a year ago. Services employment, at 112,000, and Contract Construction, at 17,800, also displayed rather sizable monthly downturns of 2,400 and 2,100, respectively. Nevertheless, compared to a year ago, the former category was up 2,800 while the latter advanced by 1,100. Although overall Government employment fell by 300 for the month, the current total of 58,900 reflects an increase of 700 from the figure reported in January 1987. Jobs in Transportation and Public Utilities were down 200 from the prior month, but increased 600 on an annual basis to the January level of 15,500. Similarly, employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 25,400, was down 100 from December to January, but showed an increase of 400 compared to the year earlier total.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 2 cents to $8.40 in mid-January. This represents a gain of 30 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.1 of an hour on both a monthly and an annual basis to the current estimate of 40.1 hours. Average weekly earnings for these workers in January amounted to $336.84, which represents a slight decrease of 4 cents from last month, but a gain of $11.22 from January of last year. Hours and earnings figures for 1987 have been revised to reflect updated survey data.

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EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS DECREASE TO 445,600 IN FEBRUARY

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island fell by 1,100 jobs in February, as seasonal decreases in the Non-manufacturing sector more than offset gains in Manufacturing, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 445,600 in February. Although this figure represents a monthly decline of 1,100 it is 7,300 above the year ago level of 438,300.

MANUFACTURING

Overall factory jobs in Rhode Island advanced by 1,100 in February to 115,100. However; the current figure reflects a decrease of 1,400 from the total of 116,500 reported in February 1987. In the Durable Goods category, the February employment level of 79,500 was up 1,100 from the previous month, but decreased 900 from the figure recorded a year ago. The current Nondurable Goods employment of 35,600 was unchanged from the January level, but was down 500 compared to February 1987.

Within the Durable Goods sector, sizeable monthly job gains were registered in Jewelry-Silverware (+900) and Primary Metals (+500, due to the settlement of a labor dispute), followed by an increase of 100 in Transportation Equipment. At the same time, decreases of 100 each occurred in Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their January employment levels. Compared to a year ago, workforce expansion was evident in Nonelectrical Machinery and Jewelry-Silverware (+100 each). Annual

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EMPLOYERS! HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING YOUTH THIS SUMMER

This summer you can give a young person the chance of a lifetime - for a lifetime of success!

Your firm or business can save in taxes by taking a credit for hiring young people into summer jobs. Again in 1988 the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program allows you to give youngsters an opportunity for a job and give your business a tax break at the same time.

By hiring an eligible young person between May 1 and September 15 you can earn a tax credit of 85% of the first $3,000 paid in wages to each eligible employee for a maximum credit of $2,550.

To be eligible for the Tax credit, the young person you hire must be:

* 16 - 17 years of age
* Economically disadvantaged
* First-time employee of your company
* Employed a minimum of 14 days or 20 hours

The targeted jobs Tax Credit program is different and ...it's easy. Only two simple forms are used to establish the new worker's eligibility for the creidt. The Rhode Island Job Service will do the determination for you.

List your TJTC Summer Youth job orders with the Rhode Island Job Service. Call 277-3588 or any local office of the Job Service listed on page 2 of this Bulletin.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

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PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
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Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
WAKEFIELD, Oliver Stedman Gov't. Center
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WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-9624
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Total Placements	612	442	780
New Applications	2,522	2,443	2,171
New Openings Rec'd.	1,261	1,216	1,544

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	% Change Jan. 1988
Initial Claims	7,520	9,808	+ 23.3
No. of Payments	57,670	52,002	+ 10.9
Amt. of Payments	$ 9,482,055	$ 8,181,167	+ 15.9
Exhaustions	764	641	+ 19.2

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Initial Claim	3,823	3,636	3,490
No. of Payments	27,649	21,568	23,801
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,529,850	$ 3,525,075	$ 3,651,452

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	518.5	520.4	506.2
Unemployment	22.5	20.7	22.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.3	4.0	4.4
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.7	3.5	3.9

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	339.9	343.2	331.8
Unemployment	13.0	11.6	13.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.8	3.4	4.2

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	167.7	168.3	165.2
Unemployment	8.0	6.8	8.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.8	4.0	5.3

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	34,970	35,025	33,870
Unemployment	1,330	1,060	1,330
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.8	3.0	3.9

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FEBRUARY 15-19, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	15,519	100.0
Men	10,724	69.1
Under 45	7,647	71.3
45 and over	3,077	28.7
Women	4,795	30.9
Under 45	2,927	61.0
45 and Over	1,868	39.0
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,526	29.2
Manufacturing	4,272	27.5
Public Utilities	642	4.1
Wholesale and Retail	1,867	12.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	583	3.8
Service	1,479	9.5
All Other	2,150	13.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,762	11.4
Clerical and Sales	2,226	14.3
Service	851	5.5
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	717	4.6
Processing	343	2.2
Machine Trades	1,270	8.2
Bench Work	1,463	9.4
Structural Work	4,585	29.6
Miscellaneous	1,569	10.1
INA	733	4.7

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	445.6	446.7	438.3	- 1,100	+ 7,300
MANUFACTURING	115.1	114.0	116.5	+ 1,100	- 1,400
NONMANUFACTURING	330.5	332.7	321.8	- 2,200	+ 8,700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	17.0	17.8	15.9	- 800	+ 1,100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.3	15.5	14.6	- 200	+ 700
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	101.6	103.1	99.0	- 1,500	+ 2,600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.4	25.4	25.0	-	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	112.1	112.0	109.1	+ 100	+ 3,000
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.1	58.9	58.2	+ 200	+ 900

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	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	115.1	114.0	116.5	+1100	- 1400	332.73	318.38	39.8	39.6	8.36	8.04
DURABLE GOODS	79.5	78.4	80.4	+1100	- 900	329.08	313.63	39.6	39.5	8.31	7.94
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.9	2.9	3.0	-	- 100	409.70	379.91	41.3	40.4	9.92	9.28
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.6	1.7	1.6	- 100	-	423.91	406.14	40.8	40.9	10.39	9.93
PRIMARY METALS	5.2	4.7*	5.3	+ 500	- 100	405.96	393.90	42.2	42.4	9.62	9.29
FABRICATED METALS	8.7	8.8	9.0	- 100	- 300	318.00	296.16	39.9	39.7	7.97	7.46
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1	6.1	6.0*	-	+ 100	448.67	420.58	43.1	41.6	10.41	10.11
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.7	11.8	12.0	- 100	- 300	307.09	287.20	40.3	40.0	7.62	7.18
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.3	9.2	9.4	+ 100	- 100	459.50	425.49	41.1	40.6	11.18	10.48
INSTRUMENTS	4.8*	4.8*	4.8*	-	-	334.14	331.17	40.6	41.5	8.23	7.98
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.4	22.5	23.3	+ 900	+ 100	257.57	247.30	38.5	38.4	6.69	6.44
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.9	6.0	- 100	- 200	241.37	242.56	33.9	34.9	7.12	6.95
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.6	35.6	36.1	-	- 500	340.09	327.13	40.2	39.7	8.46	8.24
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.1	3.1	3.0	-	+ 100	306.38	277.11	37.5	37.6	8.17	7.37
TEXTILES	10.0	10.0	10.2	-	- 200	307.44	294.40	40.4	40.0	7.61	7.36
APPAREL	2.7	2.8	2.9	- 100	- 200	296.65	284.18	42.5	42.1	6.98	6.75
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	-	-	314.42	295.92	41.1	41.1	7.65	7.20
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.8	6.8	6.8	-	-	431.89	411.44	37.2	37.0	11.61	11.12
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	3.1	-	- 200	447.86	420.43	41.7	40.7	10.74	10.33
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.0	1.2	+ 100	- 100	362.44	341.54	41.9	41.6	8.65	8.21
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.7	4.5	-	+ 200	359.54	336.20	42.2	41.1	8.52	8.18
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.0	2.0	2.1	-	- 100	233.17	234.02	38.1	39.8	6.12	5.88

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decreases occurred in Fabricated Metals and Electrical Machinery (-300 each). In addition, employment in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment dropped by 200, while downturns of 100 each were posted in Lumber/ Furniture, Primary Metals and Transportation Equipment for the twelve month period. Payroll levels in Stone-Clay-Glass and Instruments were unchanged from February 1987.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, a monthly increase of 100 in Rubber Products was offset by a downturn of 100 in Apparel. Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from the previous month. On an annual comparison, employment upturns were evident in Plastics Products (+200) and Food-Beverage (+100). Contrary to this, annual declines of 200 each were reported in Textiles, Apparel and Chemical Products. Also posting decreases for the twelve month period were Rubber Products and Leather Products (-100 each). Employment levels in Paper Products and Printing-Publishing remained at their year earlier totals.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanfacturing sector declined by 2,200 in the January-February period, mainly due to continued seasonal layoffs in Wholesale and Retail Trade and Construction. Nevertheless, the February employment total of 330,500 was 8,700 nigher than the year earlier level of 321,800.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Wholesale and Retail Trade employment reflected additional seasonal decreases as it fell 1,500 from the prior month. However, the current job total of 101,600 represents an annual increase of 2,600. Similarly, jobs in Contract Construction dropped by 800 for the month to a level of 17,000, but were up 1,100 compared to a year ago. Employment in Transportation and Public Utilities, at 15,300, posted a monthly downturn of 200, while payroll levels in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 25,400, were unchanged. On an annual basis, the former category was up 700 jobs and the latter advanced by 400. Total Government employment, at 59,100, rose 200 for the month and 900 compared to February 1987. Employment in Services advanced 100 from last month to the current figure of 112,100, which was 3,000 above the level recorded a year earlier.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers decreased by 4 cents to $8.36 in mid-February, but were up 32 cents compared to a year earlier. The average work decreased by 0.3 of an hour in February to 39.8 hours, but this was 0.2 of an hour more than the figure reported in February 1987. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $332.73 in February. Although this represents a decline of $4.11 from last month, it is $14.35 higher than the total recorded a year ago.

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 3,800 IN MARCH TO 449,400

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment increased by 3,800 in March, due almost entirely to gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in Cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 449,400 in March. This figure represents a monthly increase of 3,800 jobs and is 8,200 greater than the March 1987 level of 441,200.

MANUFACTURING

Total factory employment in Rhode Island advanced by 100 in March to 115,200. However, the current level is 1,000 below the year earlier figure of 116,200. Employment in the Durable Goods sector increased by 100 from last month to 79,600, but dropped 600 from the total recorded a year ago. The Nondurable Goods employment level of 35,600 showed no change in the February-March period, but was down 400 compared to March 1987.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Jewelry-Silverware and the Miscellaneous Manufacutring segment overshadowed declines of 100 each in Primary Metals and Transportation Equipment.

Employment levels in the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from last month. Compared to a year ago, the most substantial

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS! HIRE MORE WORKERS - PAY LESS TAXES

Rhode Island employers in the private sector are again eligible for income tax credits when they hire workers from select targeted groups.

The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program (TJTC) is a cost-effective method of increasing private sector employment opportunities for certain workers while offering tax-paying business and industry direct financial incentives to make more and better jobs available and to retain those workers in the critical first year of employment.

The tax credit amounts to 40 percent of the first-year wages paid to eligible workers, up to $2,400 per worker. All you need do to qualify is retain the worker for at least 90 days or 120 hours of paid employment. There are nine groups of targeted workers - persons who normally have difficulty finding and holding a job.

TJTC is unique in its lack of "red tape" – the employer signs a simple declaration form. The R.I. Job Service determines worker eligibility.

For more information about the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program contact any of the ten local offices of the R.I. Job Service – they're listed on page 2 of this Bulletin.

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BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave.	245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road Middletown	847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.	722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.	
Jewelry	277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction	277-3556
Professional & Clerical	277-3584
Temporary Help	277-3559
WAKEFIELD, Oliver Stedman Gov't. Center Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road	737-9624
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street	596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.	828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.	762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK	277-3588
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TJTC Information	277-3726
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Employer Relations Unit	277-3458
Jobs for Rhode Island Graduataes	277-6813
CALL-A-TEEN	Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY	277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Total Placements	676	612	746
New Applications	2,508	2,522	2,739
New Openings Received	2,149	1,261	2,551

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	% Change Feb. 1988
Initial Claims	5,591	7,520	- 25.7
No. of Payments	60,480	57,670	+ 4.9
Amt. of Payment	$ 9,983,008	$ 9,482,055	+ 5.3
Exhaustions	1,083	764	+ 41.7

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Initial Claim	4,025	3,823	3,843
No. of Payments	28,961	27,649	29,377
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,700,802	$ 4,529,850	$ 4,504,266

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	520.5	518.5	511.5
Unemployment	21.2	22.5	24.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.1	4.3	4.7
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.7	3.7	4.2

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	339.9	339.9	330.3
Unemployment	14.3	13.0	13.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.2	3.8	4.2

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	166.8	167.7	164.0
Unemployment	8.3	8.0	8.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.0	4.8	5.2

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	34,765	34,970	33,575
Unemployment	1,475	1,330	1,335
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.2	3.8	4.0

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FEBRUARY 15-19, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	15,519	100.0
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Under 45	7,647	71.3
45 and Over	3,077	28.7
Women	4,795	30.9
Under 45	2,927	61.0
45 and Over	1,868	39.0
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,526	29.2
Manufacturing	4,272	27.5
Public Utilities	642	4.1
Wholesale and Retail	1,867	12.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	583	3.8
Service	1,479	9.5
All Other	2,150	13.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,762	11.4
Clerical and Sales	2,226	14.3
Service	851	5.5
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	717	4.6
Processing	343	2.2
Machine Trades	1,270	8.2
Bench Work	1,463	9.4
Structural Work	4,585	29.6
Miscellaneous	1,569	10.1
INA	733	4.7

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	449.4	445.6	441.2	+ 3,800	+ 8,200
MANUFACTURING	115.2	115.1	116.2	+ 100	- 1,000
NONMANUFACTURING	334.2	330.5	325.0	+ 3,700	+ 9,200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	17.9	17.0	16.7	+ 900	+ 1,200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.5	15.3	14.7	+ 200	+ 800
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	102.5	101.6	99.8	+ 900	+ 2,700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.7	25.4	25.2	+ 300	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	113.6	112.1	110.5	+ 1,500	+ 3,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.0	59.1	58.1	- 100	+ 900

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION - WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Mar. 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	115.2	115.1	116.2	+ 100	- 1000	334.76	320.04	39.9	39.9	8.39	8.03
DURABLE GOODS	79.6	79.5	80.2	+ 100	- 600	329.08	316.41	39.6	39.9	8.31	7.93
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	2.9	3.0	+ 100	-	406.96	380.26	40.9	40.8	9.95	9.32
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.6	1.6	1.6	-	-	424.73	410.64	40.8	40.9	10.41	10.04
PRIMARY METALS	5.1	5.2	5.4	- 100	- 300	407.58	396.18	42.5	42.6	9.59	9.30
FABRICATED METALS	8.7	8.7	9.0	-	- 300	322.80	296.46	40.3	39.9	8.01	7.43
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1	6.1	6.0*	-	+ 100	452.30	431.38	43.2	42.5	10.47	10.15
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.7	11.7	12.1	-	- 400	310.90	294.26	40.8	40.2	7.62	7.32
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.3	9.3	- 100	- 100	444.61	421.54	40.2	40.3	11.06	10.46
INSTRUMENTS	4.8*	4.8*	4.8*	-	-	331.67	329.93	40.3	41.5	8.23	7.95
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.5	23.4	23.0	+ 100	+ 500	255.74	250.88	38.0	39.2	6.73	6.40
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	5.8	6.0	+ 100	- 100	248.80	245.70	34.7	35.2	7.17	6.98
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.6	35.6	36.0	-	- 400	346.72	328.78	40.6	39.9	8.54	8.24
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.0	3.1	2.8	- 100	+ 200	311.47	281.56	37.8	38.1	8.24	7.39
TEXTILES	10.0	10.0	10.2	-	- 200	310.49	291.73	40.8	39.8	7.61	7.33
APPAREL	2.6	2.7	3.0	- 100	- 400	294.53	287.05	42.5	42.4	6.93	6.77
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	-	-	311.00	295.51	40.6	41.1	7.66	7.19
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.8	6.8	+ 100	+ 100	455.14	414.78	39.2	37.3	11.61	11.12
CHEMICAL PRODUC TS	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 100	- 100	448.86	418.99	41.6	40.6	10.79	10.32
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.1	1.2	-	- 100	364.04	345.27	41.7	41.8	8.73	8.26
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.7	4.6	-	+ 100	359.04	337.01	41.7	40.8	8.61	8.26
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.0	2.0	2.0	-	-	243.43	240.78	39.2	40.4	6.21	5.96

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employment increase occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (+ 500), followed by an upturn of 100 in Nonelectrical Machinery. Conversely, for the twelve month period, job decreases were registered in Electrical Machinery (-400), Primary Metals (-300), Fabricated Metals (-300) Transportation Equipment and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (-100 each). Employment in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass and Instruments showed no change from the same month a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly employment gains in Printing-Publishing and Chemical Products (+ 100 each) were offset by reductions of 100 each in Food-Beverage and Apparel. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from their month earlier employment levels. On an annual comparison, advances were recorded in Food-Beverage (+ 200), Printing-Publishing and Plastics Products (+ 100 each). At the same time, a sizable job decline was posted in Apparel (-400), followed by Textiles (-200), Chemical Products and Rubber Products (-100 each). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged compared to a year earlier.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector rose by 3,700 from February to March, primarily due to seasonal hiring in Services, Trade and Contract Construction. In addition, the current employment total of 334,200 is 9,200 above the year ago level of 325,000.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Services employment rose 1,500 for the month to 113,600 and was up 3,100 compared to March 1987. Both Contract Construction, at 17,900, and Trade employment, at 102,500 reported monthly gains of 900. On an annual basis, the former advanced 1,200 while the latter segment increased by 2,700 jobs. Although overall Government employment declined 100 from February, the current total of 59,000 was 900 greater than the figure reported a year ago. Reflecting a monthly job gain of 300, payroll levels in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate increased to 25,700, which was 500 higher than the March 1987 total. Transportation and Public Utilities employment, at 15,500, posted a monthly upturn of 200 and an annual gain of 800.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 3 cents to $8.39 in mid-March, and were up 36 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 0.1 of an hour in March to 39.9 hours, which was identical to the figure reported in March 1987. Average weekly earnings for these workers in March amounted to $334.76, which represents an increase of $2.03 from last month, and a gain of $14.72 from March of last year.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 456,300 IN APRIL

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose by 6,900 in April, mainly the result of seasonal gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector along with a small increase in Manufacturing, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 456,300 in April. This represents a gain of 6,900 from the March level of 449,400 and is 6,500 above the April 1987 figure of 449,800.

MANUFACTURING

Overall factory employment in Rhode Island increased by 300 from March to April. However, the current level of 115,500 is 1,000 less than the year ago total of 116,500. In the Durable Goods category, the April employment figure of 79,800 was up 200 from the prior month, but was 100 below the total recorded a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries increased 100 in the March-April period to a level of 35,700, but was down 900 compared to the April 1987 figure.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Jewelry-Silverware and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment more than offset a decline of 100 in Primary Metals. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their March employment levels. On an annual basis, employ-

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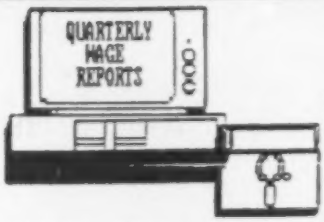

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987
Total Placements	551	676	971
New Applications	1,798	2,508	2,482
New Openings Received	1,763	2,149	2,369

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	April 1988	March 1988	% Change Mar. 1988
Initial Claims	5,476	5,591	- 2.1
No. of Payments	40,277	60,480	- 33.4
Amt. of Payment	$ 6,462,966	$ 9,983,008	- 35.3
Exhaustions	911	1,083	- 15.9

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987
Initial Claim	3,607	4,025	3,598
No. of Payments	26,108	28,961	25,074
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,289,432	$ 4,700,802	$ 3,887,015

RHODE ISLAND

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(In thousands)

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PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	March 1988	Feb. 1988	March 1987
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Unemployment	13.6	14.3	15.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.9	4.2	4.6

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	March 1988	Feb. 1988	March 1987
Civilian Labor Force	168.2	166.8	166.3
Unemployment	7.9	8.3	9.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.6	5.0	5.6

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	March 1988	Feb. 1988	March 1987
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Unemployment	1,270	1,475	1,475
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TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.7	15.5	15.4	+ 200	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	103.8	102.5	101.4	+ 1,300	+ 2,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.7	25.7	25.2	-	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	116.9**	113.6	113.9	+ 3,300	+ 3,000
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.2	59.0	58.6	+ 200	+ 600

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ALL MANUFACTURING	115.5	115.2	116.5	+ 300	- 1000	336.36	323.20	39.9	40.0	8.43	8.08
DURABLE GOODS	79.8	79.6	79.9	+ 200	- 100	329.83	319.20	39.5	40.0	8.35	7.98
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TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.2	9.2	-	-	446.93	418.70	40.3	39.8	11.09	10,52
INSTRUMENTS	4.8*	4.8*	4.7*	-	+ 100	334.09	332.42	40.3	41.5	8.29	8.01
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.6	23.5	23.3	+ 100	+ 300	258.14	252.84	38.3	39.2	6.74	6.45
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.0	5.9	6.1	+ 100	- 100	246.58	252.39	34.2	35.8	7.21	7.05
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.7	35.6	36.6	+ 100	- 900	349.57	331.60	40.6	40.0	8.61	8.29
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	3.0	2.9	- 100	-	316.99	285.39	38.1	37.9	8.32	7.53
TEXTILES	10.1	10.0	10.4	+ 100	- 300	315.65	296.13	41.1	40.4	7.68	7.33
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PAPER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.4	-	- 100	323.18	294.03	41.7	40.5	7.75	7.26
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.9	-	-	452.80	420.75	38.8	37.5	11.67	11.22
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.1	-	- 100	448.11	425.54	41.3	40.8	10.85	10.43
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.1	1.2	-	- 100	363.03	346.93	41.3	41.9	8.79	8.28
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.7	4.6	-	+ 100	353.33	337.82	40.8	40.8	8.66	8.28
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.1	2.0	2.1	+ 100	-	250.74	239.20	39.8	40.0	6.30	5.98

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Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly job gains of 100 each were reported in Textiles and Leather Products. In contrast, Food-Beverage employment was down 100 for the month while the remaining Nondurable Goods industries equalled their March employment levels. Compared to a year ago, the sole employment increase (+100) occurred in Plastics Products. Conversely, annual job decreases were posted in Apparel (-400), Textiles (-300), and Paper Products, Chemical Products and Rubber Products (-100 each). Payroll levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged for the twelve month period.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector rose by 6,600 in the March-April period, primarily due to continued seasonal growth in Services, Contract Construction and Trade. The April employment level of 340,800 represents a gain of 7,500 jobs compared to the year ago figure of 333,300.

Within the nonfactory sector, the largest monthly increase was the addition of 3,300 workers to Services payrolls. At 116,900, this segment was up 3,000 from a year earlier. Contract Construction jobs, at 19,500, and Wholesale and Retail Trade employment, at 103,800, showed seasonal monthly gains of 1,600 and 1,300, respectively. Compared to a year ago April, the former category increased by 700, while the latter advanced by 2,400. Overall Government employment rose 200 from last month to the current total of 59,200, which was 600 more than the April, 1987 figure. As a result of a monthly employment upturn of 200, payroll levels in Transportation and Public Utilities increased to 15,700, representing a gain of 300 from April of last year. Although employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate remained at the March level of 25,700, it was up 500 on an annual basis.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 4 cents to $8.43 in mid-April, and were up 35 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week showed no change from March to April as it remained at 39.9 hours. However, this was 0.1 of an hour less than the April 1987 work week. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $336.36, which represents an increase of $1.60 from last month, and a gain of $13.16 from April of last year.

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 3,300 IN MAY TO 459,600

Overall establishment employment in Rhode Island rose by 3,300 jobs in May due to gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 459,600 in May. This figure represents a gain of 3,300 jobs from the April level and is 5,700 more than the May 1987 total of 453,900.

MANUFACTURING

Total Rhode Island factory employment decreased by 100 in May to 115,400. In addition, this was 1,000 jobs below the year earlier level of 116,400. In the Durable Goods category, the May employment figure of 79,700 was down 100 on both a monthly and an annual basis. Employment in the Nondurable Goods sector showed no change from the previous month's level of 35,700 but declined 900 compared to a year ago.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains were posted in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (+100 each). Employment in both Transportation Equipment and Jewelry-Silverware was down 200 for the month, followed by a decrease of 100 in Electrical Machinery. Payroll levels in the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from a month earlier. Compared

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JOB OPENINGS WANTED FOR THE CLASS OF '88

Department of Employment Security Director John S. Renza urges Rhode Island employers with job openings to consider hiring from the Class of '88 – those young men and women graduating from college, from business and vocational schools and from high schools who may be looking for their first job. These young people are eager to join the ranks of wage earners and contributors to Rhode Island's economy - and they are looking to you for that first opportunity.

The ten local offices of the Rhode Island Job Service are prepared to process applications for the graduates and to evaluate their abilities, aptitudes and interests in order to match the job-seeker to the needs of the employer. And, of course, there's never a fee for any of these services.

Rhode Island employers are reminded that job orders can be listed with the Job Bank – 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. Job Bank listings receive next-day statewide exposure. Employers may also list job openings with the nearest Job Service office. A listing appears on page two of this Bulletin.

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave.	245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road Middletown	847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.	722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.	
Jewelry	277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction	277-3556
Professional & Clerical	277-3584
Temporary Help	277-3559
WAKEFIELD, Oliver Stedman Gov't. Center Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road	737-9624
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street	596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.	828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.	762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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TJTC Information	277-3726
TJTC Job Orders	277-3726
Employer Relations Unit	277-3458
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	May 1988	April 1988	May 1987
Total Placements	419	551	853
New Applications	1,568	1,798	2,116
New Openings Received	2,401	1,763	2,581

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	May 1988	April 1988	% Change Apr. 1988
Initial Claims	4,572	5,476	- 16.5
No. of Payments	36,322	40,277	- 9.8
Amt. of Payment	$ 5,794,547	$ 6,462,966	- 10.4
Exhaustions	897	911	- 1.5

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	May 1988	April 1988	May 1987
Initial Claims	3,738	3,607	3,351
No. of Payments	27,725	26,108	24,919
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,610,376	$ 4,289,432	$ 3,871,352

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	May 1988	April 1988	May 1987
Civilian Labor Force	524.7	524.4	522.8
Unemployment	14.4	17.6	20.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.7	3.4	3.8
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	2.9	3.3	4.0

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987
Civilian Labor Force	343.6	341.3	339.0
Unemployment	11.2	13.6	13.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.3	3.9	3.9

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987
Civilian Labor Force	168.2	168.2	167.8
Unemployment	6.5	7.9	8.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.9	4.6	4.9

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987
Civilian Labor Force	35,370	34,845	35,035
Unemployment	1,085	1,270	1,215
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.1	3.6	3.5

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND MAY 16 - 20, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	9,143	100.0
Men	4,864	53.2
Under 45	3,073	63.2
45 and Over	1,791	36.8
Women	4,279	46.8
Under 45	2,380	55.6
45 and Over	1,899	44.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	829	9.1
Manufacturing	4,183	45.8
Public Utilities	442	4.8
Wholesale and Retail	1,310	14.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	441	4.8
Service	1,297	14.2
All Other	641	7.0
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,350	14.8
Clerical and Sales	1,684	18.4
Service	588	6.4
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	40	0.4
Processing	388	4.3
Machine Trades	1,149	12.6
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Structural Work	1,110	12.1
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INA	321	3.5

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	May 1988	April 1988	May 1987	April 1988	May 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	459.6	456.3	453.9	+ 3,300	+ 5,700
MANUFACTURING	115.4	115.5	116.4	- 100	- 1,000
NONMANUFACTURING	344.2	340.8	337.5	+ 3,400	+ 6,700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	20.2	19.5	19.5	+ 700	+ 700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16.0	15.7	15.9	+ 300	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	104.7	103.8	102.6	+ 900	+ 2,100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.0	25.8	25.5	+ 200	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	117.9**	116.8	115.1	+ 1,100	+ 2,800
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.4	59.2	58.9	+ 200	+ 500

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION - WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	Apr. 1988	May 1987	May 1988	May 1987	May 1988	May 1987	May 1988	May 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	115.4	115.5	116.4	- 100	- 1000	336.26	326.42	39.7	40.2	8.47	8.12
DURABLE GOODS	79.7	79.8	79.8	- 100	- 100	329.78	322.40	39.4	40.2	8.37	8.02
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.2	3.1	3.1	+ 100	+ 100	407.23	386.63	40.4	40.4	10.08	9.57
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.6	1.8	+ 100	- 100	426.36	418.14	40.8	41.4	10.45	10.10
PRIMARY METALS	5.0	5.0	5.0	-	-	409.58	401.97	42.4	42.9	9.66	9.37
FABRICATED METALS	8.8	8.7	8.9	+ 100	- 100	324.39	304.21	39.9	40.4	8.13	7.53
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1	6.1	6.1*	-	-	460.04	438.17	43.4	43.0	10.60	10.19
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.6	11.7	11.7	- 100	- 100	313.16	308.66	40.2	41.1	7.79	7.51
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.0	9.2	9.1	- 200	- 100	443.29	425.60	39.9	40.0	11.11	10.64
INSTRUMENTS	4.8*	4.8*	4.7*	-	+ 100	334.80	334.49	40.0	41.5	8.37	8.06
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.4	23.6	23.2	- 200	+ 200	259.97	254.78	38.4	39.5	6.77	6.45
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.1	6.0	6.2	+ 100	- 100	250.50	253.11	34.6	35.7	7.24	7.09
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.7	35.7	36.6	-	- 900	351.08	334.03	40.4	40.1	8.69	8.33
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 100	- 100	324.56	291.45	38.5	38.5	8.43	7.57
TEXTILES	10.1	10.1	10.4	-	- 300	312.66	302.74	40.5	40.8	7.72	7.42
APPAREL	2.6	2.6	3.0	-	- 400	300.05	286.28	42.5	42.1	7.06	6.80
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.4	-	- 100	320.99	297.27	41.1	40.5	7.81	7.34
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.9	-	-	450.84	424.87	38.5	37.8	11.71	11.24
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.0	3.1	+ 100	-	446.45	426.94	41.3	40.7	10.81	10.49
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.1	1.2	-	- 100	369.05	352.30	41.7	42.6	8.85	8.27
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.7	4.6	-	+ 100	358.69	335.67	40.9	40.2	8.77	8.35
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.1	2.1	2.1	-	-	244.53	238.20	39.0	39.9	6.27	5.97

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WHENEVER YOU NEED WORKERS CONTACT RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

to a year ago, job increases were recorded in Jewelry-Silverware (+200), Lumber/Furniture and Instruments (+100 each). In contrast, annual decreases occurred in Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (-100 each). Employment in Primary Metals and Nonelectrical Machinery was unchanged from May 1987.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, a monthly job gain of 100 in Chemical Products offset a decline of 100 in Food-Beverage. Employment in the seven remaining Nondurable Goods categories was unchanged from April to May. On an annual basis, an advance of 100 was registered in Plastics Products. Contrarily, for the twelve month period employment in Apparel and Textiles showed decreases of 400 and 300, respectively. Also down from their year ago job levels were Food-Beverage, Paper Products and Rubber Products (-100 each), while the remaining industries equalled their May 1987 totals.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector increased by 3,400 from April to May, mainly the result of seasonal expansion in Services, Trade and Contract Construction. The current figure of 344,200 represents a gain of 6,700 jobs compared to the May 1987 level of 337,500.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the Service category reflected the most substantial monthly increase with the addition of 1,100 workers. At 117,900, this segment was up 2,800 from the same month a year ago. Wholesale and Retail Trade employment, at 104,700, and Contract Construction jobs, at 20,200, posted monthly advances of 900 and 700, respectively. On an annual comparison, the former category increased 2,100, while the latter was up by 700. Total Government employment rose by 200 in the April-May period to a level of 59,400, which was 500 more than the figure recorded a year earlier. Payroll levels in Transportation and Public Utilities increased 300 from the prior month to the May level of 16,000, and were up 100 compared to a year ago. Employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate showed a monthly upturn of 200. In addition, the current total of 26,000 represents an annual gain of 500 workers.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 4 cents to $8.47 in mid-May and were up 35 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.2 of an hour in May to 39.7 hours, which was 0.5 of an hour less than the figure reported in May 1987. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $336.26 in May. Although this represents a reduction of 10 cents from last month, it is $9.84 higher than the total recorded a year ago.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 460,300 IN JUNE

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose for the fourth consecutive month in June to a new record high level, resulting from gains in both the Manufacturing and Nonmanufacturing sectors of the state's economy, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 460,300 in June. This represents an increase of 700 jobs from the prior month and is 4,600 greater than the June 1987 total of 455,700.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment climbed to 115,900 in June. Although this figure reflects a decrease of 1,200 from the year earlier total, it indicates a monthly gain of 500 jobs. In the Durable Goods category, the June employment level of 80,100 was up 400 from the May figure, but was down 200 compared to the June 1987 total. The Nondurable Goods employment level of 35,800 showed a gain of 100 in the May-June period but declined 1,000 from the year ago figure.

Within the Durable Goods sector, monthly job gains of 100 each were registered in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Jewelry-Silverware and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. Employment levels in the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged during the month. Compared to a year ago, the largest Durable Goods employment increase occurred in Jewelry-Silverware(+ 300), followed by advances of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Primary Metals and

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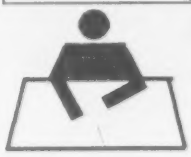

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE MEANS DOLLARS AND SENSE TO EMPLOYERS

If you are a Rhode Island employer expanding to a second or third shift or who plans to add another location, you'll need additional workers. The Rhode Island Job Service can help you meet these needs.

Through its statewide network of ten local offices, the Job Service is prepared to answer your call for workers. Trained professional interviewers are able to offer a complete range of employer services to both employers and job-seekers-special worker recruitment, screening, referral and placement. There is no fee charged to either employer or job-seeker for any of these services.

This process is simple. You start it with a phone call to the Job Bank at 277-3588 to list your job openings. We'll do the rest. Your job openings are given statewide exposure in the Department's ten local Job Service offices. There is an office near you - see the listing on page two of this Bulletin.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987
Total Placements	819	419	695
New Applications	2,496	1,568	2,308
New Openings Received	1,650	2,401	2,600

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	June 1988	May 1988	% Change May 1988
Initial Claims	7,210	4,572	+ 57.7
No. of Payments	34,842	36,322	- 4.1
Amt. of Payment	$ 5,417,928	$ 5,794,547	- 6.5
Exhaustions	710	897	- 20.8

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987
Initial Claims	3,897	3,738	3,851
No. of Payments	28,026	27,725	27,614
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,637,230	$ 4,610,376	$ 4,306,041

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987
Civilian Labor Force	527.4	524.7	525.3
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(In thousands)

	May 1988	April 1988	May 1987
Civilian Labor Force	167.7	168.2	168.9
Unemployment	5.4	6.5	7.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.2	3.9	4.4

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	May 1988	April 1988	May 1987
Civilian Labor Force	36,220	35,370	36,115
Unemployment	845	1,085	1,170
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CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	20.9	20.2	20.4	+ 700	+ 500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16.4	16.0	16.3	+ 400	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	106.6	104.7	104.6	+ 1,900	+ 2,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.2	26.0	25.7	+ 200	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	115.5**	117.9**	113.0	- 2,400	+ 2,500
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.8	59.4	58.6	- 600	+ 200

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	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	May 1988	June 1987	June 1988	June 1987	June 1988	June 1987	June 1988	June 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	115.9	115.4	117.1	+ 500	-1,200	336.60	327.64	39.6	40.3	8.50	8.13
DURABLE GOODS	80.1	79.7	80.3	+ 400	- 200	330.96	324.81	39.4	40.5	8.40	8.02
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.2	3.2	3.1	-	+ 100	413.71	399.64	40.8	41.2	10.14	9.70
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.8	-	- 100	419.20	416.57	40.0	40.8	10.48	10.21
PRIMARY METALS	5.1	5.0	5.0	+ 100	+ 100	414.92	409.10	42.6	43.2	9.74	9.47
FABRICATED METALS	8.9	8.8	9.1	+ 100	- 200	325.98	307.44	39.9	40.4	8.17	7.61
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1	6.1	6.2 *	-	- 100	461.38	445.56	43.2	43.3	10.68	10.29
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.6	11.6	11.7	-	- 100	312.00	312.00	40.0	41.6	7.80	7.50
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.0 *	9.0	9.1	-	- 100	439.70	422.68	39.4	39.8	11.16	10.62
INSTRUMENTS	4.8 *	4.8 *	4.7 *	-	+ 100	331.50	333.66	39.7	41.5	8.35	8.04
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.5	23.4	23.2	+ 100	+ 300	262.19	257.75	38.5	39.9	6.81	6.46
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.2	6.1	6.4	+ 100	- 200	254.00	256.26	34.7	36.4	7.32	7.04
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.8	35.7	36.8	+ 100	-1,000	350.95	335.20	40.2	40.0	8.73	8.38
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	2.8	3.0	-	- 200	324.86	294.50	38.4	38.0	8.46	7.75
TEXTILES	10.0	10.1	10.5	- 100	- 500	313.91	306.06	40.4	40.7	7.77	7.52
APPAREL	2.7	2.6	3.0	+ 100	- 300	296.81	290.11	42.1	42.6	7.05	6.81
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 100	-	318.30	303.32	40.6	41.1	7.84	7.38
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.9	-	-	447.36	423.75	38.4	37.5	11.65	11.30
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	3.1	-	-	448.69	427.43	41.7	40.4	10.76	10.58
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.1	1.1	-	-	377.69	351.05	42.2	42.5	8.95	8.26
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.7	4.7	-	-	363.26	337.74	41.0	40.4	8.86	8.36
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.1	2.1	2.1	-	-	242.19	229.49	38.2	38.7	6.34	5.93

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Instruments. In contrast, both Fabricated Metals and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment showed annual decreases of 200, while Stone-Clay-Glass, Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment declined 100 each from their June 1987 totals.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries monthly employment upturns of 100 each in Apparel and Paper Products more than offset a decrease of 100 in Textiles. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries posted no change from their May employment levels. On an annual comparison, downturns were recorded in Textiles (-500), Apparel (-300) and Food-Beverage (-200), while the six remaining Nondurable Goods industries equalled their year earlier employment totals.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector showed little change from May to June, increasing by 200 to the current level of 344,400. This gain was caused by seasonal hiring in several nonfactory segments, which more than offset education-related declines in Services and Government. The June employment figure is also 5,800 jobs above the year ago total of 338,600.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the most sizable monthly job gain (+1,900) occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade. At 106,600, this segment was up 2,000 from its June 1987 employment level. Contract Construction jobs advanced 700 for the month to 20,900, which represents an upturn of 500 from the figure reported a year ago. Transportation and Public Utilities, at 16,400, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 26,200, posted monthly increases of 400 and 200, respectively. Compared to a year ago, the former was up 100, while the latter segment rose 500. Although overall Government employment declined 600 from last month to the current level of 58,800, it recorded an annual gain of 200. For the month, Services employment stood at 115,500, a decline of 2,400 from the May total. Within this industry, a decline in private education overshadowed gains in seasonal areas such as amusement and recreation and hotels/motels. Nevertheless, the June Services figure was up 2,500 compared to the same month a year ago.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 3 cents to $8.50 in mid-June and were up 37 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.1 of an hour in June to 39.6 hours, which was 0.7 of an hour below the figure reported in June 1987. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $336.60 in June. This represents an increase of 34 cents from last month and is $8.96 more than the total recorded a year ago.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES TO 454,600 IN JULY

Overall establishment employment in Rhode Island declined by 5,700 jobs in July as a result of vacation-related plant closings in Manufacturing industries, combined with seasonal job decreases in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 454,600 in July. Although this figure represents a monthly reduction of 5,700 jobs, it is 4,800 above the July 1987 level of 449,800.

MANUFACTURING

Reflecting decreases due mainly to industry plant closings for vacations, total factory employment fell by 3,800 jobs to a level of 112,100 in mid-July, and was 1,100 below the year earlier figure of 113,200. In the Durable Goods category,the July employment total of 77,600 was down 2,500 from last month and decreased 300 from the figure recorded one year ago. The current Nondurable Goods employment of 34,500 was 1,300 jobs below the June total and declined 800 from the July 1987 level.

Within the Durable Goods producing sector, the most sizable monthly job decrease occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-600), followed by downturns of 400 each in Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment. In addition, reductions of 200 jobs each were reported in Lumber/Furniture and Instruments, while monthly declines of 100 each were registered in Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. Employment in Stone-Clay-Glass showed no change in the

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DES SURVEYS SELECTED RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

Many Rhode Island employers continue to participate by request in the 1988 Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey. This program, administered by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, provides basic information on the occupational distribution of jobs in the State. The survey is conducted annually but focuses each year on only a selected segment or segments of the State's economy. In 1988 the OES survey continues to concentrate on Rhode Island's non-manufacturing industries.

The data gleaned from the survey has many uses which include being a major component in developing projections of occupational needs. Current and projected occupational information is an important tool in determining training requirements and providing counseling for persons who are making career decisions.

The OES data also allows employers to compare their firm's occupational composition with their particular industry as a whole. Additionally, OES information can be helpful in market research targeted toward specific groups of workers and in developing company staffing strategies. All information provided by employers is confidential and is not published in such a manner as to be attributable to a specific employer.

DES greatly appreciates the cooperation shown by the many employers selected for this latest, as well as previous, surveys. Further information concerning the Occupational Employment Statistics program is available by writing to DES Research and Statistics, 24 Mason Street, Providence, RI 20903

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave.	245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3546
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PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.	
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Manufacturing & Construction	277-3556
Professional & Clerical	277-3584
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
Total Placements	669	819	1,071
New Applications	2,621	2,496	2,619
New Openings Received	1,594	1,650	1,646

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	July 1988	June 1988	% Change June 1988
Initial Claims	10,106	7,210	+ 40.2
No. of Payments	38,923	34,842	+ 11.7
Amt. of Payment	$ 6,011,372	$ 5,417,928	+ 11.0
Exhaustions	745	710	+ 4.9

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
Initial Claims	3,290	3,897	3,581
No. of Payments	26,027	28,026	24,389
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,352,346	$ 4,637,230	$ 4,000,374

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
Civilian Labor Force	519.3	527.4	521.7
Unemployment	17.1	16.3	22.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.3	3.1	4.3
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	2.9	3.1	3.8

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987
Civilian Labor Force	344.0	342.7	339.2
Unemployment	10.6	9.2	12.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.1	2.7	3.8

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987
Civilian Labor Force	168.1	167.7	169.9
Unemployment	6.3	5.4	7.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.7	3.2	4.3

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987
Civilian Labor Force	37,435	36,220	36,855
Unemployment	960	845	1,130
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.6	2.3	3.1

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND MAY 16 - 20, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	9,143	100.0
Men	4,864	53.2
Under 45	3,073	63.2
45 and Over	1,791	36.8
Women	4,279	46.8
Under 45	2,380	55.6
45 and Over	1,899	44.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	829	9.1
Manufacturing	4,183	45.8
Public Utilities	442	4.8
Wholesale and Retail	1,310	14.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	441	4.8
Service	1,297	14.2
All Other	641	7.0
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,350	14.8
Clerical and Sales	1,684	18.4
Service	588	6.4
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	40	0.4
Processing	388	4.3
Machine Trades	1,149	12.6
Bench Work	1,404	15.4
Structural Work	1,110	12.1
Miscellaneous	1,109	12.1
INA	321	3.5

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	June 1988	July 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	454.6	460.3	449.8	- 5,700	+ 4,800
MANUFACTURING	112.1	115.9	113.2	- 3,800	- 1,100
NONMANUFACTURING	342.5	344.4	336.6	- 1,900	+ 5,900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	21.1	20.9	20.7	+ 200	+ 400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.8	16.4	15.5	- 600	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	106.5	106.6	104.5	- 100	+ 2,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.4	26.2	25.9	+ 200	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	115.9**	115.5**	113.5	+ 400	+ 2,400
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	56.8	58.8	56.5	- 2,000	+ 300

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES: Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	July 1987	July 1988	July 1987	July 1988	July 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	112.1	115.9	113.2	-3800	-1100	336.08	329.20	39.4	40.0	8.53	8.23
DURABLE GOODS	77.6	80.1	77.9	-2500	- 300	329.67	325.60	39.2	40.0	8.41	8.14
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	3.2	2.8	- 200	+ 200	421.68	398.96	40.9	41.3	10.31	9.66
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.8	-	- 100	415.20	410.80	40.0	40.0	10.38	10.27
PRIMARY METALS	5.0	5.1	4.9	- 100	+ 100	412.85	400.26	42.3	42.4	9.76	9.44
FABRICATED METALS	8.5	8.9	8.6	- 400	- 100	329.54	311.60	39.8	40.0	8.28	7.79
NONELECTRIC MACH	6.0	6.1	6.0 *	- 100	-	458.38	439.38	43.0	42.7	10.66	10.29
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.2	11.6	11.4	- 400	- 200	308.80	302.94	40.0	40.5	7.72	7.48
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	8.6 *	9.0 *	8.9	- 400	- 300	433.29	435.51	39.0	40.4	11.11	10.78
INSTRUMENTS	4.6 *	4.8 *	4.5 *	- 200	+ 100	338.00	326.83	40.0	40.6	8.45	8.05
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.9	23.5	22.7	- 600	+ 200	260.06	260.70	37.8	39.5	6.88	6.60
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	6.1	6.2	6.3	- 100	- 200	262.35	249.22	35.5	35.3	7.39	7.06
NONDURABLE GOODS	34.5	35.8	35.3	-1300	- 800	349.44	335.60	39.8	40.0	8.78	8.39
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	2.8	2.9	-	- 100	320.83	287.20	37.7	36.4	8.51	7.89
TEXTILES	9.4	10.0	9.9	- 600	- 500	312.78	309.26	40.1	40.8	7.80	7.58
APPAREL	2.6	2.7	2.9	- 100	- 300	298.35	295.85	42.2	43.7	7.07	6.77
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.4	2.3	- 100	-	319.93	304.96	40.6	41.1	7.88	7.42
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.7	6.9	6.7	- 200	-	440.30	415.49	37.6	36.9	11.71	11.26
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.1	2.8	- 100	+ 200	438.36	432.89	40.3	40.8	10.88	10.61
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.1	1.1	-	-	382.12	352.37	42.6	42.2	8.97	8.35
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.6	4.7	4.6	- 100	-	362.64	337.28	40.7	40.2	8.91	8.39
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.0	2.1	2.1	- 100	- 100	241.39	240.20	37.6	40.1	6.42	5.99

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June-July period. Compared to a year ago, job gains were recorded in Lumber/Furniture and Jewelry-Silverware (+200 each), and also in Primary Metals and Instruments (+100 each). However, these annual gains were more than offset by employment decreases in Transportation Equipment (-300), Electrical Machinery (-200), the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (-200), Stone-Clay-Glass (-100) and Fabricated Metals (-100). Employment in Nonelectrical Machinery was unchanged from its year ago level.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, Textile employment (-600) posted the largest monthly reduction. For the same period, decreases also occurred in Printing-Publishing (-200), and Apparel, Paper Products, Chemical Products, Plastics Products and Leather Products (-100 each). Job levels in Food-Beverage and Rubber Products were unchanged from last month. On an annual comparison, the sole increase was reported in Chemical Products (+200). In contrast, annual payroll declines were apparent in Textiles (-500), Apparel (-300), Food-Beverage and Leather Products (-100 each). Employment in the remaining four Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged compared to July 1987

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing establishments dropped by 1,900 from June to July, mainly due to education-related employment decreases in Government. Although the current total of 342,500 is less than the June figure, it is 5,900 greater than the July 1987 level of 336,600.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Services employment reflected the most substantial monthly job increase (+400), as it rose to a level of 115,900, which was up 2,400 from the year ago figure. Both Contract Construction, at 21,100, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 26,400, advanced by 200 from their June totals. On an annual basis, jobs in the former industry were up 400, while the latter increased by 500. A monthly downturn of 2,000 occurred in overall Government employment, primarily due to seasonal reductions in education-related jobs; however, at 56,800, this segment rose 300 from the previous July. Employment in Transportation and Public Utilities, at 15,800 posted a monthly decrease of 600, but showed a gain of 300 compared to a year ago. Although payroll levels in Trade registered a monthly decline of 100, the July total of 106,500 represents an annual gain of 2,000.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 3 cents to $8.53 in mid-July, and were up 30 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week declined by 0.2 of an hour in July to 39.4 hours, which was 0.6 of an hour below the figure reported in July 1987. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $336.08 in July. Although this represents a decrease of 52 cents from last month, it is $6.88 more than the total recorded a year ago.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 458,100 IN AUGUST

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment rose by 3,500 in August, mainly as a result of factory employees returning to work following plant vacation closings in July, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 458,100 in August. This represents a monthly gain of 3,500 jobs and is 5,200 more than the August 1987 level of 452,900.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment rose by 3,200 in the July-August period. However, the current total of 115,300 is 1,100 less than the year ago figure of 116,400. In the Durable Goods category, employment increased 1,700 from last month to the August level of 79,300, but was down 700 compared to the year earlier figure. The August Nondurable Goods manufacturing total of 36,000 represents a monthly gain of 1,500, but was 400 below the figure reported one year ago in August..

Within the Durable Goods category, the most sizable monthly job gain occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (+800). Additional monthly employment increases were recorded in Fabricated Metals (+300), Electrical Machinery and Instruments (+200 each), followed by upturns of 100 each in Primary Metals and Nonelectrical Machinery. Employment levels in the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from last month. Compared to a year ago, job gains were registered in Jewelry-Silverware (+400), Lumber/Furniture and Instruments (+100 each). In

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NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

For the first time since 1945, the accomplishments of people with disabilities and recognition of employers for their record of providing job oppportunities for workers with disabilities will encompass a full month nationally.

October is NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH (formerly National Employ the Handicapped Week) and was established by Congress to allow more time to evaluate the past year's efforts in the disability field and to spotlight important accomplishments.

Announcing the 44th observance of handicapped employability, DES Director John S. Renza commends the record of the many Rhode Island employers who take a positive approach to hiring and retaining workers with disabilities.

During Fiscal Year 1988 a total of 992 handicapped individuals sought employment through the R.I. Job Service system of local offices. Over 33% of them - 330 were placed in jobs. In the past 44 years the Job Service has accentuated the positive - that a worker's abilities are far more important than his or her limitations.

Employers wanting to hire qualified handicapped workers are encouraged to list their job openings with the Job Bank - 277-3588 or any local office of the Rhode Island Job Service. They are listed on Page 2 of this Bulletin.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Total Placements	1,298	669	1,007
New Applications	2,924	2,621	2,207
New Openings Received	2,918	1,594	2,455

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	August 1988	July 1988	% Change July 1988
Initial Claims	5,116	10,106	- 49.4
No. of Payments	47,738	38,923	+ 22.6
Amt. of Payment	$ 7,557,056	$ 6,011,372	+ 25.7
Exhaustions	852	745	+ 14.4

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Initial Claims	3,955	3,290	3,455
No. of Payments	28,704	26,027	27,366
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,868,941	$ 4,352,346	$ 4,378,869

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Civilian Labor Force	523.4	519.3	522.5
Unemployment	14.4	17.1	19.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.8	3.3	3.8
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	2.9	2.9	3.9

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
Civilian Labor Force	336.4	344.0	336.7
Unemployment	10.7	10.6	14.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.2	3.1	4.2

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
Civilian Labor Force	167.6	168.1	168.6
Unemployment	7.1	6.3	7.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.2	3.7	4.6

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
Civilian Labor Force	36,895	37,435	36,795
Unemployment	775	960	1,065
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.1	2.6	2.9

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND AUGUST 15-19, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	11,172	100.0
Men	5,328	47.7
Under 45	3,477	65.3
45 and Over	1,851	34.7
Women	5,844	52.3
Under 45	3,556	60.8
45 and Over	2,288	39.2
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	806	7.2
Manufacturing	4,350	38.9
Public Utilities	1,071	9.6
Wholesale and Retail	1,666	14.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	331	3.0
Service	2,564	23.0
All Other	384	3.4
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,930	17.3
Clerical and Sales	2,312	20.7
Service	1,190	10.6
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	40	0.4
Processing	278	2.5
Machine Trades	886	7.9
Bench Work	1,732	15.5
Structural Work	1,468	13.1
Miscellaneous	1,336	12.0
INA	0	0.0

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Aug 1988	July 1988	Aug 1987	July 1988	Aug 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	458.1	454.6	452.9	+ 3,500	+ 5,200
MANUFACTURING	115.3	112.1	116.4	+ 3,200	- 1,100
NONMANUFACTURING	342.8	342.5	336.5	+ 300	+ 6,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	21.2	21.1	20.7	+ 100	+ 500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.7	15.8	15.4	- 100	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	106.8	106.5	105.1	+ 300	+ 1,700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.4	26.4	25.8	0	+ 600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	116.0 **	115.9 **	113.5	+ 100	+ 2,500
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	56.7	56.8	56.0	- 100	+ 700

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Aug 1988	July 1988	Aug 1987	July 1988	Aug 1987	Aug 1988	Aug 1987	Aug 1988	Aug 1987	Aug 1988	Aug 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	115.3	112.1	116.4	+ 3200	-1100	334.05	329.54	39.5	39.8	8.50	8.28
DURABLE GOODS	79.3	77.6	80.0	+ 1700	- 700	326.43	326.36	39.0	39.8	8.37	8.20
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 100	419.02	391.88	40.8	40.4	10.27	9.70
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 100	420.00	412.40	40.0	40.0	10.50	10.31
PRIMARY METALS	5.1	5.0	5.1	+ 100	0	405.04	401.32	41.5	42.2	9.76	9.51
FABRICATED METALS	8.8 *	8.5	9.0	+ 300	- 200	327.98	311.98	39.9	40.1	8.22	7.78
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1	6.0	6.2 *	+ 100	- 100	468.03	449.24	43.7	43.7	10.71	10.28
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.4	11.2	11.7	+ 200	- 300	307.32	296.01	39.4	39.0	7.80	7.59
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	8.6 *	8.6 *	9.1	0	- 500	431.97	436.91	38.5	39.9	11.22	10.95
INSTRUMENTS	4.8 *	4.6 *	4.7 *	+ 200	- 100	327.93	322.00	38.9	40.0	8.43	8.05
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.7	22.9	23.3	+ 800	+ 400	260.37	260.95	37.9	39.3	6.87	6.64
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.1	6.1	6.2	0	- 100	263.11	258.46	35.7	36.3	7.37	7.12
NONDURABLE GOODS	36.0	34.5	36.4	+ 1500	- 400	351.20	337.95	40.0	39.9	8.78	8.47
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 200	325.94	295.54	37.9	37.6	8.60	7.86
TEXTILES	10.1	9.4	10.3	+ 700	- 200	316.35	305.92	40.3	40.2	7.85	7.61
APPAREL	2.7	2.6	3.0	+ 100	- 300	294.53	295.64	41.6	42.6	7.08	6.94
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 100	0	319.93	307.02	40.6	41.1	7.88	7.47
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.7	6.7	+ 200	+ 200	446.20	433.58	38.3	38.0	11.65	11.41
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.0	2.9	+ 100	+ 200	436.40	431.17	40.0	40.6	10.91	10.62
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 100	375.48	349.03	42.0	41.9	8.94	8.33
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.6	4.7	+ 100	0	373.91	331.30	41.5	39.3	9.01	8.43
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.2	2.0	2.2	+ 200	0	246.13	248.68	38.1	40.7	6.46	6.11

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contrast, the most substantial decline for the twelve month period was evident in Transportation Equipment (-500). Also down from their year ago totals were Electrical Machinery (-300), Fabricated Metals (-200), Stone-Clay-Glass, Nonelectrical Machinery and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (-100 each). Employment in Primary Metals was unchanged from August 1987.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, Textile employment (+700) reflected the largest monthly increase. In addition, employment advances of 200 each were reported in Printing-Publishing and Leather Products, while upturns of 100 each were recorded in Apparel, Paper Products, Chemical Products and Plastics Products. Payroll levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change in the July-August period. On an annual comparison, employment expansion in Printing-Publishing and Chemical Products (+200 each) was more than offset by downturns in Apparel (-300), Food-Beverage and Textiles (-200 each), and Rubber Products (-100). Job levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods Industries were unchanged compared to August 1987.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector showed little change from July to August, increasing by 300 to the current level of 342,800. Nevertheless, this figure represents a substantial gain of 6,300 jobs from the year ago total of 336,500.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly increase (+300), occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade employment. At 106,800, this industry showed an annual upturn of 1,700 jobs. Both Contract Construction, at 21,200, and Services employment, at 116,000, advanced by 100 from the prior month. Compared to a year ago, the former was up 500, while the latter industry increased by 2,500. Although overall Government employment fell by 100 in the July-August period to 56,700, it remained 700 above the August 1987 total. Similarly, payroll levels in Transportation and Public Utilities, at 15,700, were down 100 on a monthly basis, but showed an upturn of 300 compared to a year ago. Employment in Finance, Insurance and Real-Estate posted no change from the July total of 26,400, but was 600 greater than the figure recorded in August 1987.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers decreased slightly by 3 cents to $8.50 in mid-August, but were up 22 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week declined by 0.1 of an hour in August to 39.3 hours, which was 0.5 of an hour below the figure reported in August 1987. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $334.05 in August. Although this represents a decline of $2.03 from last month, it is $4.51 more than the total recorded a year ago.

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